മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി (*Muslims*).— തൊകൊല്ലത്തിൽ സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഹോളിഡേയ്സ് എത്രയാണ് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Secretary to Government*).— അതൊക്കെ ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞു.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി (*Muslims*).— ഏതെങ്കിലും വിധത്തിലുള്ള സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഹോളിഡേസ് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Secretary to Government*).— ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി (*Muslims*).— അതു് ഏതൊക്കെയാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പ്രസിഡണ്ട് —പറഞ്ഞു.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി (*Muslims*)— എന്റെ അറിവിൽ മുസ്ലീമിനു സ്പെഷ്യലായിട്ട ഹോളിഡേയ്സ് ഒന്നും കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ലെന്നാണ് അറിയുന്നതു്. മുസ്ലീമിനു വേണ്ട ഒഴിവുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Is the Onam holiday a holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—It is a holiday for the Malayalees.

Prisoners in Jails—1111, 1112 and 1113—particulars regarding.

155. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of juvenile prisoners in the jails in 1111, 1112 and 1113; is any special treatment given to them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

1111	..	34
1112	..	53
1113	..	7

In sub-jails, the juveniles are kept in separate cells, and no other special treatment is given.

In the Central Jail, this set of prisoners is kept separate from the adults as far as the conditions in the Jail permit and they are given instruction in reading, writing, simple arithmetic and also in drill.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Are there separate cells in all these sub-jails?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Are there more than one cell in all the sub-jails?

Mr. K. P Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—In some.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether the punishment meted out to these juveniles is not the same as that meted out to other prisioners, and whether there is any difference in the nature of the punishment awarded to the juveniles?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—There is no distinction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Has the idea of having a reformatory school for juveniles struck the Government of Cochin?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Yes, the question was considered but because of the financial commitment that it would involve the Government have not been able to establish a reformatory school for Cochin.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—Does the condition now existing in the Central Jail allow these juveniles to be given separate treatment?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—To some extent. Accommodating them all in separate cells cannot be thought of under existing conditions and unless we extend the jail building that is not possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Cannot the Government consider the question of making sufficient provision to keep them in separate cells.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—So far as funds permit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether there is any special officer for giving them instructions?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There is no special officer for that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know who it is that is giving the instructions to these juveniles?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—One of the warders.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is any attempt made while they are in the jails to exorcise from them their criminal tendencies?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Generally instructions in reading, writing etc. are given. They are also given spiritual instructions weekly. There is one Christian priest going to the jail weekly to give instructions. One of the Swamis from the Ramakrishna Mission at Trichur also goes weekly and gives instructions spiritual.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are they appointed for that and is there any compulsion that they should do so?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is not compulsory. They have undertaken to do it and they are doing it regularly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether any attempt is made to exorcise from their minds the criminal tendencies that they had and unfortunately though they are in jail the object is to reform them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—All these are intended to make them better citizens when they come out.

Mr. P. J. Alexander *(Palluruthi).*—May I know what the educational qualifications of these warders are?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—They are some of them School Finals.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are you quite sure that the warders in the Central Jail are school finals?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Not all.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is it not a fact that a majority of them are unfit to give any training to these juveniles?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not think that all of them should give instructions. It is enough if there are two or three who can give instructions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The number of juveniles is given there as 53. It is quite a large number.

Mr. President.—At a time what will be the number of juvenile offenders in the central jail?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Some 5 or 6 at a time.

Periodic draught and Floods—Muriyad canal—damages to Kole-cultivation—prevention of.

156. **Mr. K M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that periodic draught and floods in the Muriyad canal do great harm to adjoining Kole-cultivation;

(b) what protective measures have the Government so far taken and what further steps they propose to take to prevent the calamity;

(c) what is the extent of cultivation affected?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) There have been draught in some years in the Muriyad Lake.

(b) Proper regulation of water in this area has considerably reduced this hazard. The proposal of the Chalakkudi river diversion will also be a help to the paddy cultivation in this area.

(c) About 4,000 acres.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Will the proposal be of any help?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It was meant by the execution of that scheme.

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